



TOYS

TENNESSEE OUTDOORS

YOUTH SUMMIT



June 10-15, 2012

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Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency

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The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) will be conducting the 3rd annual Tennessee Outdoors Youth Summit (TOYS) June 10-15 for students in high schools across Tennessee in cooperation with the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Foundation (TWRf). Students will be introduced to many different outdoor activities including: **boating, hunting, trapping, archery, photography, marksmanship, plant identification, forestry, camping, water quality, trap shooting, skeet shooting, wildlife identification, and several classes with wildlife and fisheries biology as the topic.** Students will participate in hands-on classes that will teach the importance of the natural resources and their management. Instructors will be wildlife and fisheries biologists, wildlife officers, college professors, professional shooting coaches, and experts from fields of interest. Classes will be two to four hours long and will include hands-on training in that subject. Once the students are accepted to the program, they will be able to attend at least ten classes during the week they have chosen. During this week, the students will have the opportunity to gain certification in many different programs. TOYS will provide youth opportunities to learn more about hunting, fishing, and shooting. Students that are interested in a career in the natural resources field will also enjoy experience that is typically not gained until you join the work force.

TOYS will cost \$300 for the weeklong experience. This includes lodging, meals, daily travel to the MCSC, TOYS T-shirt, educational materials, and various gifts. Students will be housed in a hotel in Clarksville, Tennessee and bused out each day to the Montgomery County Shooting Complex. Parents or guardians will be required to bring students to Clarksville on Sunday night June 10th and pick them up either Friday the 15th at the awards ceremony or the following morning. Rooms will be available for a fee if parents wish to come into town on Friday night to attend the banquet and stay the night. Students must be picked up by 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 16th. Students interested should submit an application postmarked by May 11th, 2012 along with a deposit of \$150 to TWRf, ATTN: TOYS at 5000 Linbar Dr., Suite 265 Nashville, TN 37211. Enrollment is limited to 120 students and if your application is not accepted, refunds will be returned in full. If your application is chosen, you will be sent a confirmation letter or e-mail and directed to a registration site on the Internet. At that time, applicants will be prompted to pay the remaining registration costs. Students will be assigned a roommate, with two students to a room. If applicants have someone they want to room with, they must indicate that on the application. Applications can be filed out at www.twrf.net, under the Programs/Heritage tab at the TOYS page. If you have questions, contact Jereme Odom at (615) 781-6500, extension 2102, or email Jereme.Odom@tn.gov. We look forward to introducing you to Tennessee's natural resources.

We have multiple scholarships available. Sponsorships are based on financial need (i.e. free and reduced lunch, single parent families, etc). We need additional participants, so please pass this on.



Application For
TOYS: Tennessee Outdoors Youth Summit

- Return this application as soon as possible, postmarked no later than May 9th, 2012.
- A deposit of \$150 is required with this application (unless seeking scholarship).

Money will be returned if child is not chosen.

- Make checks payable to Tennessee Wildlife Resources Foundation (TWRF).

Part 1: Applicant Information

Full Name: _____ Nickname: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: (TN Only) County: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone Number 1: (_____) _____ Home __ Work __ Cell __

Telephone Number 2: (_____) _____ Home __ Work __ Cell __

Email: _____ Sex: _____ T-shirt Size: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Roommate Requested: _____

Name of Parent/Guardian with whom you reside: _____

Special Needs, Requirements, or Medical Conditions: _____

Have you attended the TOYS event before? Yes ____ No ____

Are you requesting scholarship assistance available through TWRF? (See page 4) Yes ____ No ____

**The TOYS week will be physically strenuous. (A typical day will go from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.) It will include lots of walking and many bus transfers. Also, be aware that it will be hot and humid in June and all activities will take place outdoors.*

Part 2: School Information

Applicant must currently be enrolled in an accredited or equivalent high school or be an incoming freshman in the Fall of 2012.

Name of High School: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: (TN only) ZIP: _____

Current Grade (April 2012): __ 8th __ Freshman __ Sophomore __ Junior __ Senior

Part 3: Extracurricular Activities, Shooting Sports and Outdoor Recreation:

(Extracurricular activities, clubs, associations, offices held, awards received)

List any interests or activities in shooting sports or other outdoor recreation that includes hunting or fishing.

Part 4: Personal Statement

Supply a short statement explaining why you are a good candidate for this year's TOYS. Please state why you should be selected, citing examples when necessary. Your statement should be up to 1 page typed and no longer.

Part 5: **Parents**

The Tennessee Outdoors Youth Summit will be held June 10-15, 2012. Your child will be housed at a hotel in Clarksville, Tennessee, and will be bused out to a TWRA Wildlife Management Area/Shooting Complex each day starting Monday. After your child is chosen for the summit, your child will receive a letter by e-mail or mail and directed to a class schedule on the internet that will need to be filled out and submitted. Total payment or scholarship agreement must be completed at this time. Schedules will not be accepted until payment is fulfilled. The total cost per child is \$300 (lodging, meals, daily travel to the MCSC, TOYS T-shirt, educational materials, and various gifts). Applicants can request a roommate and must write the roommate's name on the line provided in this application. We will not/ cannot make special roommate provisions at the last minute. When your child arrives on Sunday night, you and your child will be required to go through a rules and regulations meeting that will review conduct for the week. Any conduct problem that week can result in your child being dismissed from the program and will result in the forfeit of the registration fee.

Full or partial scholarships are available to youth in 41 Middle Tennessee counties through the TWRF. These scholarships are need and socioeconomically based, and will require a discussion with TWRF staff. We will be happy to provide assistance to your child, but must assure that the money is going to those that truly need it. If you would like to request a full or partial scholarship, please indicate your interest on page 2, and someone will be in touch with you.

Parents interested in helping during the week should indicate their interest on the bottom of this page. We will be looking for several parents to assist.

Friday night will end the summit and your child will be attending an awards banquet. These events are casual, and fun for everyone. Parents are encouraged to attend the banquet, but would need to pay for the cost of their meal(s). If you choose to attend and stay the night in Clarksville, there will be a phone number given along with the cost of the room and banquet meal in the confirmation e-mail or letter. Parents can also pick up attendees Saturday morning (no later than 10 a.m.) if they choose.

If you have any questions, please call Jereme Odom at (615) 781-6500, extension 2102 or email Jereme.Odom@tn.gov . We look forward to seeing you and your child.